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FM AMBASSADOR STOESSEL, MOSCOW 043.  
TO: BRENT SCOWCROFT, WHITE HOUSE  
EYES ONLY BRENT SCOWCROFT  
SUBJ: SITE IN CRIMEA  
REF: WH 42109

1. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING RECEIPT YOUR MESSAGE I MET WITH  
BILL HENKEL, WHO HAD JUST TALKED BY PHONE WITH DAVE PARKER.  
IN LIGHT STRONG SOVIET PREFERENCE FOR OREANDA (RESORT NEAR  
YALTA BUT SEPARATE FROM IT WHERE BREZHNEV HAS RECEIVED FOREIGN  
DIGNITARIES IN PAST) AND CLEAR INDICATIONS BREZHNEV WOULD BE  
PERSONALLY MIFFED IF WE INSISTED ON ANOTHER SITE, WE DECIDED  
WE SHOULD ACCEPT OREANDA IN PRINCIPLE, PENDING RESULTS PRE-  
ADVANCE SURVEY OF AREA JUNE 22.

2. HENKEL IS MEETING WITH SOVIET COUNTERPARTS NOW AND WILL  
CONVEY THIS POSITION. HE WILL MAKE CLEAR OREANDA IS ACCEPTED  
IN PRINCIPLE ONLY, AND THAT, IF FINAL DECISION IS FOR OREANDA,  
ALL REFERENCES IN OFFICIAL OUTPUT TO MEDIA ABOUT CRIMEA STOP  
WILL REFER TO OREANDA AND NOT TO YALTA, AND THERE WILL BE NO  
VISITS TO YALTA OR OTHER CONTACT WITH IT. WE BELIEVE THIS  
WILL BE HELPFUL IN DISASSOCIATING YALTA CONNECTION AND IS MOST  
ADVISABLE COURSE UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES. FINAL RECOMMENDATION  
WILL BE SUBMITTED WHEN PRE-ADVANCE COMPLETES ITS SURVEY.

WARM REGARDS

State Dept. review completed